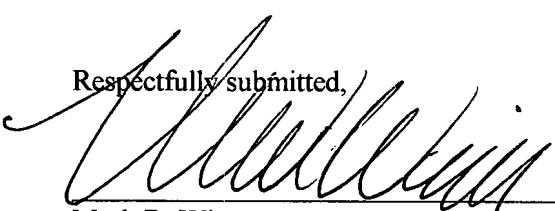


REMARKS

The Notice of Allowability mailed May 16, 2001 objected to the declaration currently of record in the application because of the improper recitation that the present application was a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/900,174. That improper recitation has been corrected as set out above and it is therefore respectfully requested that the requirement for a substitute declaration be withdrawn.

Entry of the above amendment to the specification, consideration of the remarks set out herein, and reconsideration of the requirement for a substitute specification are respectfully requested. In the unforeseen event that there are questions and/or issues yet to be answered in this application, it is respectfully requested that Applicant's Attorney be contacted at the address and phone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,



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